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MR. MCKINLEY'S BUSY DAY

A Multitude of the Hungry Filled the White House.

PLATT AN EARLY CALLER

The New York Delegation Has Fixed Upon a Plan for the Distribution of Patronage—Some of the Men Who Want Places and the Statesmen Backing Them.

Yesterday was another record breaker for crowds at the White House. Long before the portals were opened an anxious multitude stood outside and impatiently awaited an opportunity to reach the President's car, and Arthur Simons, the veteran colored doorkeeper, who has held the same position since the first Grant administration, was put to his wits end to know how to manage the horde.

One of the first among the distinguished callers was Senator Thomas C. Platt. He was accompanied by Representatives Odell, Mitchell, and Fisher. They explained the new rule adopted by the New York Republican delegation, which is that each member shall select one name for a consulate, and such selection will be approved by Senator Platt.

President McKinley expressed himself as much pleased with the plan. Representative Mitchell accordingly urged the appointment of Col. Charles N. Swift, of New York city, as consul to Belfast.

Representative Fisher wanted Wallace Bruce appointed as consul to Glasgow. It is thought that Mr. Bruce will receive the appointment.

Col. Buck, the Republican Warlike of Georgia, saw the President, who wished to be appointed marshal of Georgia. He also made the following additional recommendations: R. L. Massey, of Lafayette, Ga., for assistant district attorney; M. R. Morton, postmaster at Athens, and J. W. Lyons, for the same position in Augusta. Col. Buck also put in a good word for Col. "Bill" Pledge, the colored lawyer, of Atlanta, Ga., who wants to go as a consul to Kingston, Jamaica.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, called to urge the appointment of John B. Jeffrey for a consulate.

Senator Wellington, of Maryland, is anxious to secure the appointment of Mr. Hennighausen, of Maryland, as immigrant commissioner. He also requested the appointment of Mr. Louis Grosvald, of Baltimore, as consul to Nuremberg.

Others who called to see the President were Senators Carter, Burrows, Thurston, Morrill, Mills, Spooner, Culam, and Representatives without number.

Lester Starnes, of Dunkirk, N. Y., who was slated for Third Assistant Postmaster General, told Senator Platt yesterday that he could not accept the appointment. Accompanied by Congressman Wadsworth, of New York, Senator Platt called at the White House, and after a conference with the President, it was decided to appoint John A. Merritt, of Lockport, N. Y. The latter's nomination will be sent to the Senate this week.

FOREIGN ARCHITECTURE.

Exhibit of the Student of the American Institute at Home.

The Cosmos Club has graciously placed its gallery at the disposal of the students of the American Institute at Rome, who will exhibit until Saturday evening drawings of ancient and medieval buildings, principally in Italy and France, as expressed in plans, elevations, sections and general detail. While the exhibition lacks the glowing color contrasts of last week's view, there is a splendid strength and precision in the lines and perspective that have already won commendation from leading local architects who visited the hall this morning.

Among the world-famous structures presented is an elevation of the Ducal Palace at Venice; the courtyard of Chateau de Bois, France; a large detail of the Temple of Concord; and elevation of the Theatre of Marcellus; a plan of the Golden Court of Hadrian's Villa; and of Manoir

of "Amphitheatre" of the most celebrated theatres in France.

Though the majority of the students are architects there are among them artists and sculptors as well. They will not attend the exhibition, but will be represented only by their work. The exhibitors are Harold Van Buren Macdonald, of Boston; Seth Justin Temple, New York; John Russell Pope, W. S. Aldrich, Boston; Percy Ash, Philadelphia; Herman McNeil, Baltimore; W. S. Corvett, A. Phenister Proctor, George W. Brock and Louis H. Boynton, Baltimore, and William Fellows, Chicago.

FOR MINISTER TO GREECE.

Fifteen Senators Sign a Petition for Professor Mannett.

There is a strong movement in favor of the appointment of Dr. J. I. Mannett, a professor at Brown University, as minister to Greece. He served as consul in that country for several years. Fifteen Senators have signed the petition in his favor, and Mr. Barrows, of Massachusetts, who is especially interested in bringing this appointment about, is much encouraged by the outlook.

SECRETARY GAGE RESIGNED.

Applicants for Office Occupy Much of His Time.

Secretary Gage had a busy time yesterday, wrestling with office-seekers and their backers. Among those who called were Senators Mason and Chandler; Gen. Joseph Patterson, of Tennessee; National Committee man Grant, of Texas; Hon. R. C. Kerens, of St. Louis, and Hon. Powell Clayton, who called simply to pay his respects and say good-bye.

A delegation from the Union Veterans Legion called to urge the reinstatement of veterans who were dismissed under the Cleveland Administration. The only applications for appointment to office that were filed today in the Treasury Department were: John Hamilton, Cincinnati, Ohio, to be supervising inspector of steam vessels at Memphis, Tenn., and M. Y. Ritter, of San Francisco, Cal., assayer of the mint at San Francisco, Cal.

BRYAN HOMEWARD BOUND.

Very Much Fatigued, But Otherwise in Good Health.

Mr. Bryan left the city yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Cincinnati after the C. & O. railway. He left instructions that his mail be sent to Lincoln, Neb., where he will go soon after his engagement in Cincinnati.

He kept to his room pretty well yesterday, having been fatigued by his rapid and pressing engagements in the city and also by the reaction from his indisposition in Florida. He is, however, otherwise in excellent health and will be all right after the rest of a day or two at home.

Among his callers yesterday at the Metropolitan Hotel was Mr. Bailey. Nearly all the Democratic politicians in town were up as late as the Jeffersonian banquet as Mr. Bryan, so he had not very many early callers. They dropped in, however, numerous from noon until the time he took the train.

JUVENILE EGG-ROLLERS.

White House Lawns Will Swarm With Them on Easter.

President McKinley intends to let the children of this city enjoy the customary Easter Monday egg rolling in the grounds south of the White House.

This custom has been in vogue since long years ago, and the children have learned to look forward to it with the same joyful anticipation they watch for Christmas and Fourth of July. An effort will be made to induce President McKinley to permit the Marine Band to add to the pleasure of the day. Maj. Moore will have an extra force of policemen in the White House grounds all day Monday.

Object to an Apartment House.

The Commissioners will give a hearing this morning, at 11 o'clock, to representatives of the Mount Pleasant Citizens' Association, relative to the application of Albert Barry for a permit to construct a six-story brick apartment house at the corner of Fourteenth and Thaw streets. Some of the people on that street have objections to the erection of such a building there, and have requested the hearing in order that they may state their opinions.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S CALLERS

Splendid Reception at the White House.

Children's Musical Congress—Birth-day Festivals—Easter Egg Sent to Mrs. McKinley.

Mrs. McKinley held the largest reception yesterday afternoon which has occurred since she became mistress of the White House. Among the callers were Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Hearst, Mrs. Whittemore, Gen. and Mrs. Joseph McReynolds, Miss Wetmore, Mrs. J. M. Stenbul, Mrs. C. D. Walcott, Mrs. Anson Mills, Mrs. C. C. Elmer, Miss Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wheeler, Commander and Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. John A. Logan, Col. and Mrs. John Mason Loomis, Miss Church, Mrs. C. S. Schmidt, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Louise Stewart, Mrs. George Shiras, Mrs. Gould, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Stenbul, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Robert E. Moore, John Moore, Miss Chamberlain, Mrs. John Storer, Mrs. Charles H. Poor, Miss Poor, Miss Newday, Mrs. Christie, Miss Mercer, Miss Romero, Mrs. William E. Allen, Miss Walcott, and many others. Mrs. McKinley is expected to grace with her presence the luncheon to be given by the Brooke Hall Alumnae Association at the Manufacturers' Club, in Philadelphia, on Friday, April 23.

Mrs. McKinley is honorary vice president of the association and has always taken the greatest interest in its meetings. The alumnae has undertaken the work of founding a \$4,000 scholarship at Brooke Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

The concert to be given by the Yale Banjo and Glee Club will take place on Monday evening, at National Rifle Hall.

Miss Mary Evelyn Phillips, of Canton, Ohio, arrived at the White House yesterday, where she will be the guest of President and Mrs. McKinley. Miss Phillips is an excellent pianist and a charming young woman and will be much admired in this city. She is a distant relative of Mrs. McKinley, with whom she went driving shortly after her arrival.

Mrs. Joseph P. Smith, of Urbana, Ohio, is at the White House, where she is with her husband, the new director of the Bureau of American Republics.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani will be at home at the White House between the hours of 3 and 5.

Miss Kate Fox, of Meriden, N. Y., is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Agnes N. Barron, of Virginia, who has been spending the winter here with her cousin, Miss Mahel Key Smith, will return to her home soon after Easter. Miss Smith will accompany her and will remain away all summer.

The marriage of Miss Lottie Bartlett Repp to Mr. David Caldwell is announced to take place on Wednesday evening, April 25, at Ingleside, Randolph, Md., at 8 o'clock.

COMING TO THE THEATERS.

Easter Monday night will inaugurate the season of "opera in English" by the Castle Square Opera Company, of Philadelphia, at the Lafayette Square Opera House. The management will have a popular and efficient company, presently popular opera and popular music. The company is made up of the matinee 25 and 50 cents, and all seats at the matinee 25 and 50 cents. The sample matinee on Thursday of last week was a most convincing proof of the merit and excellence of the company's efficiency, and the general tone that pervades the entire production. The opening attraction has been well selected, for the "Topsy Turvy" is an opera that will delight all classes of music-lovers. It is one of Strauss' most sparkling and melodious works. It requires a cast of remarkable strength, and the flowing numbers of this perennially popular work are decorated with a fine appreciation of the vocal requirements. The principals of the company will be the same as at the flying matinee. The sale opened yesterday, and it was very large.

Walker Whiteside, the young American tragedian, comes to the Columbia next week in repertoire. The illustrated American gave this laudatory paragraph to Whiteside when he appeared in New York: "The passing of Edwin Booth opens a place in the ranks of American actors that no one at this moment is prepared to occupy to the full. The dead tragedian, by reason of his magnetic personality, natural gifts and accomplishments of study and training, and with incomparable splendor in the impersonation of certain roles. In his own domain of the dramatic art he was without peer or rival. His position in the world of the theater was unique, for, from the constant dignity and decency of his private and personal life. He was not a brawler, a gambler or seducer of women. He held himself apart from the dissipation, disorders and demoralizations of his calling. In his company none but the best of actors and actresses were to be seen. There is at this moment no player fitted to take his place. We incline to believe, however, that upon the shoulders of Walker Whiteside the torch is destined to fall, and that unless promise fails utterly these shoulders will prove worthy to bear it."

Two delightful delineators of American comedy in two delightful specimens of this class of play come to the National next week. They are the popular Piquette Bell and the famous Mrs. Laura J. Bell. They appear in Hoyt's "A Midnight Bell," in which they appeared here so successfully last week, and in a new comedy by the greatest of all our playwrights, Gus Thomas. It is called "The Hoosier Doctor," and depicts life in Indiana. It will doubtless prove what all that Thomas writes proves, a delightful picture of homely, natural humor. The company with the Bells is a large one, and in it the principal characters the same as supported them last season. They are under the direction of Duncan B. Harrison.

At the Grand next week comes a new star in a new comedy—that is, they are new to Washington—but Joe Ott has been playing his "Star Gazer" for three seasons now, and it seems to be one of those comedies and characters which foster themselves on an actor and give him a chance to do nothing else. Ott is going to drop the "Star Gazer" next year if the public will let him. With him are his two talented brothers, Phil Ott and Matt Ott, one as the office boy; the other as the aesthetic tramp. The Ott family is a famous one. One of the best known of them is their sister, Theresa Vaughan.

For the third week of the summer season at the Academy there comes an attraction which possesses a large share of novelty for Washington theatergoers. It is that pioneer of Irish comedians, Edward Harrigan, with

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"FLOWERS OF THE SKY."

Miss Mary Proctor Lectures at Columbia Theater.

The Columbia Theater was well filled yesterday afternoon with an audience that included many scientists, the occasion being Miss Mary Proctor's lecture, entitled "Flowers of the Sky."

The speaker was introduced by Prof. Simon Newcomb, who also had the honor of presenting to a Washington audience her distinguished father, Richard Proctor, the English astronomer, a quarter of a century ago.

Miss Proctor prefaced her subject with an illustrated account of the total eclipse of the sun as observed by her last August, upon the Arctic Ocean, after which she told, in pleasant and instructive fashion, her story of the stars.

At the close of the lecture Miss Proctor was the recipient of many congratulations from the audience, among whom were Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote and Miss Pauncefote.

WILLS FILED FOR PROBATE.

Daniel McLaughlin Left Everything to His Sister-in-Law.

The will of Daniel McLaughlin, late of the District, was presented for probate yesterday. The instrument bears the date of April 1, 1897. It bequeaths to Mrs. Bridget Buckley, the testator's sister-in-law, his home, known as No. 1134 Tremont street, northwest, to Mrs. Annie Hyde, \$200; to Maggie McLaughlin, sister of the testator's late wife, home No. 1430 Langor's alley. All of the remainder of the estate is given to Mrs. Bridget Buckley. Mary Ann McLaughlin is named as executrix, to serve without bond.

The will of James S. Beavers, dated March 7, 1897, was also admitted to probate for probate. An insurance policy, amounting to \$200, is bequeathed to Agnes E. Ritter, for her kind attention to the testator, and this is the only item of property mentioned. William A. Swift is appointed executor.

FAILURES AND ASSIGNMENTS.

Ratcliffe, Sutton & Co., the well-known Washington Auctioneers,

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